

## NEWS FROM THE RETENTION OFFICE

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**STUDENT LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM:** Just a reminder if you are on this program, you must provide your lender information to the Retention Office prior to your anniversary date. This will allow time to process the proper documents.

**FY 2010 INCREASED GI BILL AMOUNTS:** Chapter 30-\$1,368.00, Chapter 1606-\$333.00, Chapter 1607-\$547.20 up to \$1,094.40. The full and part time fact sheets are available in the Retention Office and on SharePoint under the Retention Office.

**POST 9/11 CHAPTER 33 GI BILL:** If a members GI Bill have expired or they never signed up for the GI Bill. You may still be eligible for Chapter 33. If you had 90 days of Title 10 service I would recommend applying for this benefit. Another reminder if you are retiring Chapter 33, please apply and transfer your GI bill to your dependents before you retire. Once retired your dependents are no longer in DEERS and members will have to work directly with the VA. I've posted the Chapter 33 slides on sharepoint if you were not able to attend my September briefing. The slides can be found by clicking on organization/MSF/Retention. Visit [www.GIBILL.VA.GOV](http://www.GIBILL.VA.GOV) for up-to-date information on Chapter 33 and other education benefits.

### **MGIB Post 9/11 - TEB Approval Status for ANG:**

<b>Approved</b>	1201
<b>Pending Approval</b>	747
<b>Rejected</b>	13
<b>Submitted (waiting in queue)</b>	13
<b>Total Submitted</b>	<b>1974</b>

### **IMPORTANT DEERS INFORMATION**

Public law requires termination of any health care benefits and/or entitlement to military privileges for unmarried children when they reach twenty-one years of age. There is an exception that would allow their benefits to continue; it is:

(1) **ENROLLMENT IN HIGHER EDUCATION.** To be issued an ID card up to the twenty-third birthday, the child must be enrolled as a full-time student at an accredited institution of higher education and be dependent on the sponsor for more than 50% of their support. Student eligibility for benefits and entitlements will cease if the child's status as a full-time student changes, the military sponsor no longer provides more than 50% support, if they marry, or if they enter the military. In these cases, the change(s) must be reported to the nearest ID card issuing activity, so the child's DEERS

record may be updated. Upon reaching age twenty-three, all benefits and entitlements end, even if the child continues full-time education and is still dependent upon the sponsor for support.

If the child meets the criteria, he/she is entitled to an ID card beyond their twenty-first birthday. We recommend that the sponsor call the nearest ID card issuing activity for further assistance. The verifying official (the individual with authority to issue DoD ID cards) will be able to advise the sponsor of the documentation needed and if there is an alternative way to update the child's DEERS record. NOTE: Full-time student status cannot be determined more than 90 days prior to the child's twenty-first birthday. If student status is not determined prior to the child's twenty-first birthday, all DoD benefits will be terminated in DEERS and the sponsor will not be able to transfer education benefits in TEB.

If continued eligibility is established at a later date, the sponsor will then be able to transfer education benefits to the child through the TEB Web application. The child must reflect current eligibility in DEERS to allow the sponsor to initiate the transfer of education benefits through TEB.

If you have any questions on the above please contact the Retention Office at 603-430-3507.